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Thirty Freights Rushing in Steel for the New Line

Six Hundred Cars Hauling to Bassano with Steel and Ties. All Construction from this End.

That Bassano is to be the supply point for the complete construction of the road from here to Empress is shown beyond shadow of doubt in the fact that now en route to Bassano from east and west there are thirty freight trains carrying 240 miles of steel and ties.

Practically the full shipment is now in transit and the first load is expected daily. When it does arrive the yards recently extended by the laying of heavy tracks will be a scene of unexampled activity.

The steel is being carried in 200 cars constituting practically twelve train loads.

There are now on the way from the steel centers west, and should be in the yards any day. The ties have been shipped in about eighteen train loads and are also momentarily expected. The work of handling these will mean that the local staff will have to be materially increased, while the men now waiting their turn will have to be considerably augmented.

The steel that arrived last week has now been practically all laid, a new track having been put in between the elevator and the main line, while two others have been run from the elevator almost to the dock. These are to be used in storing the cars of material as they arrive.

North Cut off from Bassano

off from communication with the north, and trade hereby considerably affected by the lack of bridge facilities over the Red Deer.

Reports from the river show it to be in a dangerous condition in consequence of the ice breaking up of the ice, and in winter channels there is recorded a nar-

Almost Drowned in the Red Deer

John Stubbs of Louthville, crashes through ice, but escapes.

Almost swept to death in the icy cold waters of the Red Deer river at Louthville, John Stubbs, a householder of Louthville, lives to relate an exciting story of a narrow escape from death in the most adventurous of adventures.

The accident happened while he was attempting the risky crossing of the Red Deer at a time when the ice was rapidly breaking up, in the stormy evening snow. There was a good depth of water covering the ice, but he continued across with his wagon and team. All went well until he was approaching the Bassano side, when the team went through the ice with the wagon. Stubbs, although braced against such an event, was hurled into the fast running icy flood by the shock. He scrambled towards the shivering bank however and found it footed. Both horses were then struggling in the water and one disappeared under a piece of floating ice. The ice passed over him, and Stubbs ventured out to the wagon, cut the traces and thus saved the team. Stubbs procured a horse from Spring Creek and rode into town. The wagon is now standing with the last post of the water, quite evidence of the near tragedy that happened. Stubbs intends to salvage this as soon as possible.

The ferry is absolutely out of commission the floating sales of ice creating a dangerous state of affairs.

In the absence of a bridge crossing is absolutely prohibited for the present.

Bright Play By Local Amateurs

Praise-worthy Effort Arouses Great Enthusiasm

Hopp, Skip and Jump took Bassano by storm and discovered to a surprised public unexpected talent that has lain hidden so long.

A success from every standpoint it proved to be no more stiff amateur performance, but one brimful of vigor, action and life. So splendidly was the acting done without a single exception, that only a knowledge of the real facts prevented one from being deceived that it was not a work of professionals who had been in touch with the stage from earliest infancy. The points and incidents of the farce were not marred by awkwardness in wooden movements, and some graceful singing elicited far above the ordinary note of the harp of an amateur play. Look where one would, every character and occurrence accomplished the theater. Take, for instance, Hopp, Skip and Jump, for instance. Hopp, ever could such an old character have been in more capable hands than those of Mr. W. Marchion. His interpretation of the part was a revelation. Every turn of his finger was true to life, and even his lively look, just the ring of age. His portrayal of the "improper" look, the loosey by storm. There was Hopp Hopp, into whose part S. K. Hopp threw infinite life. He was the scientist at every test and then, and gave the most original impression of the part of the delinquent surgeon. Jimmy

Peter Thaw Passes Away

Seized With Serious Sickness Sunday. Only Lives One Day

After a very brief illness, Peter Thaw, for two years belligerent at the C. P. R. depot died Monday night at 8:45 from an acute attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Thaw was only taken ill Sunday last, but it was no more and grave form. Dr. A. G. Scott was immediately called but inside of all he, and Mrs. Thaw and Shaw could do, the unfortunate man passed away a day later. He had been a victim of dyspepsia for some time.

Mr. Thaw was very well known locally and was held in high esteem by his colleagues at the station, and by the law-abiding people with whom he came into contact. He came to Bassano from the town of St. Catharines, Ontario, two years ago. He is survived by Mrs. Thaw and two sister-in-laws Mrs. Pierce and Miss Thaw, of Chicago, who came down to Bassano, to his bedside.

The remains were taken to the undertaking parlor of H. T. Hays in preparation for shipment to St. Catharines, where interment will take place.

Shower Baths are Part of Bassano Farm Equipment

Ideal Farm is being Located by Russian Owner North of Town. Mixed Farming will be Slogan.

Shade Trees for School Grounds

Start to be Made This Year on a Beautification Scheme.

The initial step on the beautification of the Bassano Public School grounds will be accomplished this year, when shade trees will be planted. In three rows around the portion already fenced.

At an emergency meeting called Friday evening to discuss the matter, the representatives of the Chas. Sweeney Co. Ltd., who own a considerable number of trees, were present to the full board of the school board. There were not sufficient members to elect a committee, but the suggestion of Mr. Sweeney, that the school board should purchase trees, was adopted.

The school board will be responsible for the purchase of the trees, and will also be responsible for the planting of the trees. The trees will be planted in three rows around the portion already fenced. The trees will be planted in three rows around the portion already fenced.

The farm land is situated at Bassano, where the workmen may have hot and cold showers at their leisure, where electric light may be utilized on and off at pleasure, and where, in addition, where mixed farming will be undertaken on an extensive basis.

It is known that the "White Farm of the Future" and is situated about six miles north-east of town on the Hutton tract. It comprises six sections, approximately 360 acres. The owner, C. P. R. Ltd., has been in the work of fencing and erecting a building. The house is model and modern in every respect. It has ten rooms, a hot and cold water system, and electric light. In connection with a barn 20 by 140, there is a dairy and here is placed the light plant, with engine and dynamo which besides lighting the house runs a generator and the dairy machinery. Buildings for the employees are being erected, and will include a hot and cold shower bath. An important detail is in course of erection, and all the six sections will also be fenced by spring. For the present the owners intend ploughing as much ground as possible and, pending the fall, this is the first and last year they will attempt raising grain for sale. In future it will all be fed in stock. A herd of forty cows is now en route, and arrangements are being made for a wholesale supply of chickens, and large, which will be raised on an extensive scale.

This scheme also incidentally sets the start of a housing colony in this district for the working men are importing Russian help, and will keep thirty men employed all summer. Should a Russian employer have sufficient capital to purchase a piece of the farm, the plan will place buildings thereon, and sell at reasonable prices and terms.

Bassano Real Estate Realises Large Figure

Main street Property Changes Hands at Record Price. Acreage Sold for \$26000

Following the announcement of the big deal northeast of town when Old Country capitalists purchased a quarter section, there now comes the news that two more deals are involving acreage, and the other Main st. property, were consummated this week.

A New York syndicate headed by A. S. Norton is alleged to have purchased the 36 feet occupied by Shaw and Smith real estate dealers and the Owl Cafe, and owned by Norman Garland of town, for \$7500. This is the highest price yet paid for Second Avenue property and is slightly over \$200 per front foot.

The other deal is said to have involved the sum of \$26000, a Winnipeg syndicate purchasing part of the northeast quarter of Section 19 from the Canadian Development Co. for \$325 per acre. This land adjoins the town to the north and touches the Standard. It is said to have been purchased for subdivision purposes.

Both deals were put through by the firm of Pegler and Darby.

Lot 7, block 21 was also sold by Shaw and Smith to a client in the States on behalf of W. A. Rothwell for \$1000 spot cash.

AT THE HOTELS

At the Hotel, Hutton, P. H. McGowan, Little Falls Lake; H. S. Smith, every, Sunnyside; J. C. Clark and Leonard K. Job, Louthville; L. J. Kemp, Hutton; G. C. O'Brien, Rose Lynn; J. Knutson, Flaxendale; D. J. Major, C. Townsend, Verdant Valley; F. O. Cox, Kinrossdale; A. B. Herrick, Low City; W. J. Fisher, H. Segal, O. E. Swartz, W. G. O'Neill, Hutton; W. Hunt, A. Landhouse, D. W. Orrin, Kinrossdale.

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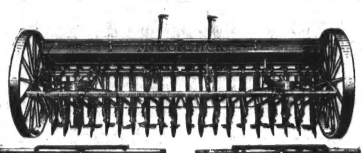
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